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SPANISH SAHARA --

COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) TOLD MISOFF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ASKED MOROCCANS FOR "CLARIFICATION" OF THEIR INVITATION TO UN TO SEND OBSERVER TO FEBRUARY 26 MEETING OF JEMAA. "CLARIFICATION" WOULD INVOLVE MOROCCANS SPELLING OUT HOW INVITATION RELATED TO PERTINENT GA RESOLUTIONS ON SAHARA. SALIM SAID SPANIARDS HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING INVITATION AND, IN HIS VIEW, INVITATION WOULD HAVE TO BE ISSUED BY SPAIN ALSO. HE HAD HEARD NOTHING ABOUT POSSIBLE F-POLISARIO UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE THIS COMING WEEKEND, BUT ADDED "ONE NEVER KNOWS." SWEDES REVEALED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS AWAITING WORD OF ANY OAU ACTION IN ADDIS ABABA ON SAHARA.
(CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 0704)

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED AT PRESS BRIEFING UN SPOKESMAN DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF MOROCCAN MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE LATTER'S REPLY. SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS ONLY SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER MANDATE AND THEY ARE NOT IN ACCORD WITH MOROCCAN DECISION. HE KNEW OF NO SECRETARY GENERAL PLAN TO CHANGE TIMETABLE FOR SPANISH TERMINATION OF ADMINISTRATION. AMB RYDBECK HAD MADE INTERIM REPORT AND "CONTINUES" HIS MISSION. SPOKESMAN DID NOT RULE OUT RYDBECK TRIP TO ALGERIA OR CONTACT WITH F-POLISARIO. (USUN 0708) END UNCLASSIFIED.

TIMOR --

SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM RELATED TO AMBASSADORS MOYNIHAN AND BENNETT DIFFICULTIES HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WINSPEARE HAD IN TRYING TO MEET WITH FREILIN. FEBRUARY 23 PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR SENT WALDHEIM A MESSAGE ASKING FOR TIMOR'S FULL INCORPORATION INTO INDONESIA, BUT INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET PRONOUNCED ITSELF IN THIS REGARD. THE SECRETARY GENERAL SAID ONE IDEA HE CONSIDERED WAS TO HOLD A CONFERENCE OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED IN GENEVA,
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BUT HE THEN CONCLUDED SADLY THAT TIMOR SITUATION MAY ALREADY REPRESENT A FAIT ACCOMPLI. SECRETARIAT ADVISED THAT WINSPEARE'S REPORT WILL BE CIRCULATED AT EARLIEST AT END OF THIS WEEK, AND SINCE THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE "INTERIM REPORT" ITS CONSIDERATION MAY WELL REQUIRE A UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 0698)

TRANSFER OF PHILIPPINES AMBASSADOR REYES --

GARRIDO (PHILIPPINES) CONFIRMED THAT PHILIPPINE PERMREP REYES IS SLATED TO BECOME PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO PEKING AT BEGINNING OF JULY AND IS PRESENTLY IN CHINA INSPECTING POST. HE ALSO CONFIRMED IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT GENERAL ROMULO WILL BECOME PERMREP AT NEW YORK, AND SAID PRESENT HANG UP IS ROMULO'S DESIRE TO BE ACCREDITED TO B BOTH US AND UN, A NOTION GOP HAS NOT SO FAR ACCEPTED IN LIGHT OF HIS ADVANCED AGE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 0699)

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER --

STEEL (UK), ONLY SPEAKER FEBRUARY 24 IN COMMITTEE DEBATE ON UN CHARTER AND STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION, SAID THAT THE ROOT OF THE MATTER LAY NOT IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE UN OR ITS ORGANS, OR EVEN IN ITS FORMAL RULES OF PROCEDURE, BUT RATHER IN ASPECTS OF THE ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES OF MEMBER STATES. REGARDING THE ROMANIAN PROPOSALS, HE DID NOT THINK THEY WERE LIKELY TO BE HELPFUL. HE OPPOSED HOLDING SPECIAL SESSIONS UNLESS THEY WERE INDEED SPECIAL, AND DID NOT AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL TO SEND THE UN ON TOUR OR WITH ANY OF THE PROPOSALS THAT WOULD TEND TO UPSET THE EXISTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GA AND THE SC OR THAT WOULD AFFECT THEIR RELATIVE POWERS. THE UK DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSAL RELATING TO A PERMANENT GA COMMISSION ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND HAD CONSIDERABLE DOUBT ABOUT WHETHER THAT WAS THE RIGHT WAY TO PROCEED. HOWEVER, THE UK AGREED WITH ROMANIA THAT THIS WAS A FIELD IN WHICH MUCH USEFUL AND IMPORTANT WORK COULD BE DONE. BOUAYAD-AGHA (ALGERIA) WAS SURPRISED BY THE UK STATEMENT AND, WITH REGARD TO ARGUMENTS AGAINST ROMANIAN PROPOSAL TO

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HOLD GA SESSIONS OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS, SAID THE SC MEETINGS IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA HAD NOT CREATED DIFFICULTIES FOR THE UN.

COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING --

VIEWS ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM WERE EXPRESSED IN COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 24 BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BULGARIA, USSR, INDIA, BELGIUM, UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (UPU), ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP), AND UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON.

THE BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE STRESSED COMMON EASTERN EUROPEAN THEMES REGARDING CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECONOMIC

AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE AND SECURITY, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UN CHARTER, NIEO AND CERDS AS THE FOUNDATIONS FOR RESTRUCTURING. SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE RESTATED COMMON EASTERN EUROPEAN THEMES, WITH STRONG EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF CONSIDERING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS. HE THOUGHT RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THE GA, ECOSOC, OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND RELATED SECRETARIAT CHANGES. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON EMPHASIZED THAT ANY RESTRUCTURING MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEED FOR SUPPORTING FINANCIAL, PERSONNEL, CONFERENCES, LEGAL AND INFORMATION SERVICES. THE BELGIAN DELEGATE SUPPORTED BERTRAND (JOINT INSPECTION UNIT) PROPOSAL FOR JOINT PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING FOR THE ENTIRE UN SYSTEM SINCE THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES. HE AGREED WITH EXPERTS THAT SINGLE SECRETARIAT BODY SHOULD DIRECT OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES. ESCAP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPHASIZED NEED TO DELEGATE MORE AUTHORITY TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONS.

INDIAN DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE HASHMI CALLED FOR: "CLARITY OF COMPETENCES" BETWEEN VARIOUS ORGANS, PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES OF UN SYSTEM; COHERENCE OF PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT AND DECISION-MAKING; AND FLEXIBILITY OF STRUCTURE. HE THOUGHT ECOSOC SHOULD COORDINATE, BUT DETAILED TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE LEFT TO UNCTAD. HE CALLED FOR MORE LDC SENIOR APPOINTMENTS IN THE UN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

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COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES --

THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED DISCUSSION FEBRUARY 24 OF PROGRESS
REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1977 UN WATER CONFERENCE IN
ARGENTINA, HEARING STATEMENTS BY THE UK, FRANCE, SUDAN,
JAPAN, NORWAY, INDIA, BRAZIL, SWEDEN, PORTUGAL, ARGENTINA,
USSR, FRG, ALGERIA, NETHERLANDS, GDR, ITALY AND MALI.
INFORMATION ABOUT REGIONAL PREPARATIONS WAS GIVEN BY
OFFICIALS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA AND
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA. DISCUSSION OF THE CONFERENCE
PROVISIONAL AGENDA WAS CONCLUDED FEBRUARY 25, AND THE COMMITTEE
BEGAN CONSIDERING WHO SHOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.
DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE WERE DISCUSSED ALSO, AND YUGOSLAVIA,
SUPPORTED BY UK, SUGGESTED APPOINTING A SMALL WORKING GROUP
TO STUDY THE MATTER AT THE COMMITTEE'S SECOND SPECIAL SESSION.

ARGENTINA HOPED ARABIC WOULD BE INCLUDED AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE.

REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE, SYRIA SUGGESTED CONSULTING THE EXAMPLE OF THE HABITAT CONFERENCE (GA RESOLUTION 3438(XXX)), AND YUGOSLAVIA, EGYPT, PAKISTAN AND ALGERIA AGREED; NETHERLANDS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING PRACTICE LAID DOWN IN ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1840(LVI); SOVIET UNION FAVORED UNIVERSAL NATURE OF CONFERENCE, WITH INVITATIONS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH OFFICIAL STATUS, BUT OBSERVERS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED AND SELECTED ON BASIS OF RELEVANCE.

THE FOUR MAIN AGENDA ITEMS WERE SUPPORTED IN GENERAL BY CANADA, BRAZIL AND PORTUGAL. NORWAY, ON BEHALF OF NORDIC COUNTRIES, SAID THE CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSIDER THE ADDITIONAL QUESTION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH WATER POLLUTION CAUSED IN ONE COUNTRY DUE TO ACTIONS IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US, UK AND UKRAINE, FELT THERE SHOULD BE TWO CONFERENCE COMMITTEES, RATHER THAN THREE AS SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT. BRAZIL, UK, PAKISTAN AND PORTUGAL WERE AMONG THOSE WHO THOUGHT IT WAS PREMATURE TO FINALIZE THE AGENDA BEFORE THE RESULTS OF REGIONAL MEETINGS WERE AVAILABLE.

COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEES --
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CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TWO SUBCOMMITTEES WHICH THE COMMITTEE OF 24 DECIDED TO ESTABLISH WILL BE: SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES -- AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, BULGARIA, CHILE, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, IVORY COAST, NORWAY, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, YUGOSLAVIA; SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETITIONS, INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE -- BULGARIA, CHILE, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INDONESIA, IRAQ, MALI, NORWAY, SIERRA LEONE, SYRIA, TUNISIA.

GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN --

A GROUP OF EXPERTS FROM 11 COUNTRIES, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER UN BODIES MET FEBRUARY 17-23 AND UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED PRIORITY ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE ON RESEARCH AND TRAINING FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN. THEY PROPOSED THAT THE INSTITUTE SHOULD BE A UN BODY TO ASSIST IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION ADOPTED AT MEXICO CITY AS WELL AS THE GOALS OF THE DECLARATION OF MEXICO AND OF THE DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE. THE INSTITUTE WOULD ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS,

AS A CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFORMATION AND RESEARCH ON WOMEN,
AND WOULD OFFER TRAINING WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SYMPOSIA,
SEMINARS, IN-SERVING TRAINING AND COURSES, AND AWARD OF
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS. MRS. TAKLA (EGYPT) SERVED
AS CHAIRMAN AND MRS. HOLLENSTEINER (PHILIPPINES) AS RAPPOR-
TEUR.

PROPOSED ZION SQUARE --

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 24 DEFERRED DECISION FOR WEEK
OR TWO ON CHANGING NAME OF UN PLAZA TO ZION SQUARE,
REPORTEDLY BECAUSE PRINTER MADE MISTAKE IN DESCRIBING
AREA TO BE INCLUDED OPPOSITE UN. SPONSORS OF RALPH BUNCHE
MEMORIAL ALSO HELD MEETING (USUN DOES NOT YET KNOW OUTCOME)
TO PLAN STRATEGY FOR OPPOSING CITY COUNCIL DECISION IN VIEW
OF THEIR INTEREST IN HAVING PARK NAMED AFTER RALPH BUNCHE
AND PLACING BUNCHE MEMORIAL IN PARK. (USUN 702)

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ZAMBIAN MISSION ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE ENTITLED "ZAMBIA
CLARIFIES HER STAND ON ANGOLA," WHICH OUTLINED THE SEVEN
POINTS IN FOREIGN MINISTER BANDA'S STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT
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